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Daniels.
Junior Oils - first place, John

Although there was no tax increase, the new increases will be covered
mainly by raising the rates charged residents for those services.
The previous years budget was \$724,806.

NEW CASTLE TONS STORE located in the new Layton Hills Mall, is one of eight stores now serving Utah.

History of Clearfield

Second in a series

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Editors note: This is the second installation in the History of Clearfield series.

To drive around modern day Clearfield with its well-kept green yards,
thriving business district and lush pastures one can hardly imagine what the
Sandridge area must have looked like prior to 1870. That was the year the Utah
Central Railroad came through the area.

The deep dry sand, whipped nightly by the east wind from Weber Canyon, was
a place where nothing but cactus and lizards could survive.

Two brave pioneers Richard and Emiley Hamblin settled in this forsaken
area and started the changes that eventually saw Clearfield become one of the
most beautiful and thriving communities in Davis County.

The Hamblins brought with them two sons. They eventually had 10 children,
nine of whom grew to maturity.

Shortly after the Hamblins settled in Clearfield the Hyrum Laytons arrived.
Early in the 1880's David Egbert settled on the piece of land later owned and

operated by the late Jacob Layton family.

Around the year 1905 things really began to happen in Clearfield.

The Bamberger Electric Railroad arrived in Clearfield that year offering
daily passenger service between Salt Lake City and Ogden. It opened up a whole
new world of travel to area residents.

That same year the first school was built in Clearfield. Children in the district
had previously attended school in Syracuse under the capable tutelage of Miss
Minnie Christensen. She is credited with the naming of Clearfield.

A one room building erected in 1890 had served for all kinds of gatherings;
educational, social, business, political and religious. The building was used for
many years and later became part of the North Davis High School.

The first Clearfield school which later became Pioneer has been used since
that day except during the year 1923 when, following a blaze that gutted the
school, children were forced to use the Clearfield Ward while awaiting the school's

rebuilding.

Two years later, in 1907, several important occurrences were recorded. The
organization of the first Clearfield Ward occurred at the meeting with 265 people
in attendance. Many of which were probably visitors.

The same year the first general store was built and operated by James
Warren. Another business, the Clearfield Canning Company, came into being that
year and industry had begun in Clearfield.

Clearfield Canning was built by Hyrum Steward and several associates for the
purpose of canning tomatoes which grew as profusely in Clearfield as the many
berry crops did. The firm is now known as Woods Cross Canning.

James Warren was the owner of the General Store which was later taken over
by the Clearfield Mercantile Company.

The first U.S. Post Office in Clearfield was established in a corner of that
building about 1910 with Herbert E. Smith as Postmaster.

Another early business was the Excelsior Fruit and Produce Company which
supplied the country 'round about with the superior fruits and vegetables that
were now being grown so abundantly in Clearfield. Later this firm was taken over
by the Clearfield Lumber Company.

One of the interesting characters of those early times was James G. Wood.
Born in Bountiful in 1853, he was educated in his father's private school.

Early in life Wood learned responsibility and industry. His father taught him
as a boy how to look after the land and care for the things that grew upon it.

His love for the beauty in life was evidenced in the meticulous care he took of
his property. In manhood he married Susan Stoddard, filled a mission for his
church then returned to marry Alice Corbridge in Dec. of 1874.

He worked in neighboring states for several years before returning to
Bountiful, to settle down to the hard working but rewarding life of a farmer.

Soon he began to dream of the possibilities of obtaining a larger tract of land
on the Sandridge. He borrowed a dollar from a neighbor, boarded a train and
came to this area.

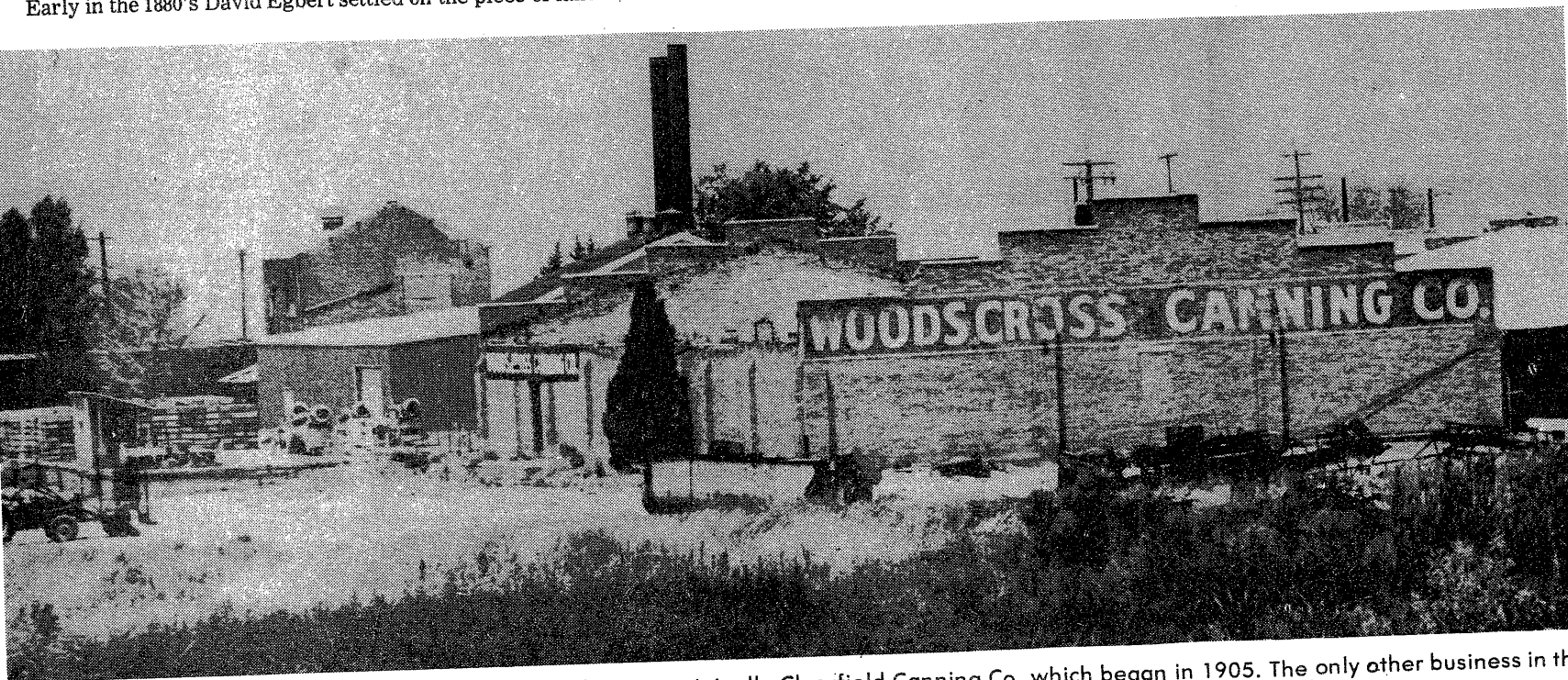
When he returned home a few days later, he had arranged to sell his Bountiful
farm and had also arranged to purchase a large tract of land in what is now
Clearfield.

He moved his families here in May 1890. That year he raised some 3,600
bushels of dry farm wheat.

In the manner in which he was raised, Wood also began to beautify his
surroundings. He planted some 200 poplar trees as well as other plants and im-
proved his property by building fences and etc.

In 1892 he built a brick house for his families at what is now approximately
1000 W. and 300 No. and in 1896 he built another home on the corner nearby.

Though culinary water was hard for this industrious fellow to come by he
managed by hauling water from Syracuse until finally in 1896 he noticed that some
neighboring land owned by John Traugott held a lot of water. Wood made a
bargain to take care of the water thus supplying his own need and that of his
neighbor.



WOODS CROSS CANNING still is use in Clearfield today was originally Clearfield Canning Co. which began in 1905. The only other business in the
area was the General Store